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REFS: A. COCOM DOC. REV (74) 1564/5

B. STATE 135614

1. ASTONISHMENT AND INDIGNATION GREETED US STATEMENT ON JUNE 10 MADE PURSUANT TO REF B INSTRUCTIONS. UK, FRENCH, CANADIAN, JAPANESE, AND GERMAN DELS ALL AGREED ON ONE THING: THAT OUR STATEMENT REPRESENTED A RADICAL ABOUT-FACE IN REPUDIATION OF POSITIONS TAKEN IN ROUND II. SOLID WORK AND MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ACHIEVED IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS HAD NOW BEEN UNDERMINED, THEY FELT. FRENCH DEL ASSERTED THAT 20 HOURS OF COMMITTEE WORK, IN WHICH NO US DISAGREEMENT HAD BEEN EVIDENT, HAD GONE TO WASTE. JAPANESE DEL SUGGESTED THAT IF EVERY DELEGATION FELT FREE THUS TO REVERSE ITS EXPRESSED POSITION AT WILL, THE CREDIBILITY OF COCOM ITSELF WOULD COME INTO QUESTION. ALL DELS ASK THAT US SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM EXPLAINING NEW POSITIONS AND REASONS FOR NOT HOLDING TO THOSE TAKEN IN ROUND II. CONSENSUS WAS THAT DISCUSSION OF THE
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ITEM MUST BE DEFERRED TO ROUND IV.

2. COMMITTEE REFUSED TO ACCEPT AMENDMENT OF REF A REQUESTED BY USDEL (OFF-THE-RECORD, FRENCH DEL SAID IT SMACKED OF RE-WRITING OF HISTORY, A PRACTICE COMMON IN "CERTAIN" COUNTRIES, BUT SOMETHING HE HAD NOT EXPECTED OF A COCOM MEMBER). THAT DOCUMENT HAS N BEEN ISSUED IN FINAL FORM WITH A FOOTNOTE TO THE "CONCLUSION" CAPTION ON PAGE 20 THAT "ON THE 11TH JUNE THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION MADE A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN THE POSITIONS THEY HAD ADOPTED DURING THE SECOND ROUND DISCUSSION (SEE COCOM DOC REV (74) 1564/6)."

3. AFTER THE MEETING, AN EXPERT ATTACHED TO ANOTHER DELEGATION EXPRESSED RESENTMENT AT OUR CRITICISM OF TWG REPORT FOR NOT REFLECTING CERTAIN VIEWS OR STATEMENTS ON CERTAIN POINTS. HE SAID THAT AFTER REVIEWING HIS OWN NOTES OF THE TWG DISCUSSION HE WAS CONVINCED THOSE POINTS HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED. HE COULD NOT IMAGINE THAT THE US TECHNICAL EXPERTS INVOLVED HAD HAD ANY HAND IN DRAFTING THE INSTRUCTION IN REF B, SINCE IT SO THOROUGHLY CONTRADICTED THEM. IN HIS VIEW, THOSE EXPERTS ARE NOW SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED FOR ANY FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF THE ITEM.

4. USDEL COMMENT: THIS REPUDIATION WILL ADD TO DIFFICULTIES OF COMPLETING THE PRESENT LIST REVIEW. RESENTMENT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS IS INCREASED BY THE FACT THAT THE TWG REPORT WAS IN FACT DRAFTED BY US EXPERTS AND THE SUGGESTION TO DELETE THE 16-PIN PARAMETER CAME FROM US, AS WELL (NOT UNREASONABLY, IT WOULD SEEM: SEE SMTE TAC CHAIRMAN'S LETTER 4/24/74 TO STEENBERGEN, THIRD PARA). WE WONDER TO WHAT EXTENT THE "CONCERN" FOR VARIOUS CIRCUITS HAS KEPT THE STRATEGIC CRITERIA IN MIND, SINCE THE US POSITION WILL BE REGARDED IN THAT LIGHT OTHER MEMBERS. WE WILL BE SENDING BY SEPTTEL MORE DETAILED STATEMENT OF OTHER DELS' REMARKS WHEN WE RECEIVED ADVANCE DRAFT FROM SECRETARIAT, BUT IN MEANTIME URGE THAT INTERESTED POLICY OFFICIALS REVIEW USDEL COMMENTS IN OECD PARIS 14417 CONCERNING IL 1131 AND IL 1133, IN WHICH SOME OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SIMILAR TO THE PRESENT CONFIDENTIAL

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CASE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT WE BE PROVIDED ASAP WITH THE TEXT OF A MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE OUR REASONS FOR REPUDIATION OF ROUND II POSITIONS AND PROVIDING BASIS UPON WHICH DISCUSSIONS CAN GO FORWARD IN ROUND IV. AFTER FURTHER REVIEW, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE STATEMENT IN PARA 2 OF REFTTEL SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE

NEEDS OF EITHER THE COMMITTEE OR THE INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS.
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